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TO: Chairman, Intelligence Information Handling Committee   STAT
Intelligence Community Staff
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Washington, D.C.   20505

SUBJECT: DIA-SAFE and the Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS)

1. The Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS) implementation plan calls for DIA-SAFE to become part of the CIRS network upon completion of the DODIIS-SAFE connection.   This would correspond to SAFE Delivery 4.   Largely through the guidance of your office, funds in excess of [ ] have been identified in the proposed FY 86 budget to effect that implementation.

2. Direct CIRS implementation within DIA-SAFE appears to conflict with CIA security policy.   That is, to provide access to the CIRS community via DODIIS to the data base running under the INQUIRE Data Base Management System, as specified in the CIRS plan, means browsing the document file.   Such browsing of the file appears directly counter to CIA policy which limits that privilege to DIA personnel only.   We realize that the draft DCI Guidance for FY 87 includes the provision to implement access control filters that would enable network users to browse only those messages to which they should have access.   It is too soon to know if the programmed amount will suffice.   In light of recent slippage of the SAFE program, we are reluctant to apply scarce resources to pursuing CIRS objectives without a clear indication that these filters once developed will be deemed satisfactory to the originator of the messages.   We would appreciate any guidance or assistance you can provide us in this matter to clarify the CIRS operational requirements.

3. At a recent meeting, the IHC voted in favor of a CIA motion to proceed with Phase I and II of CIRS without an agreed upon security plan.   If the IHC favors proceeding with Phase III (DIA-SAFE) without such a plan, will the CIA feel comfortable with security filters developed and implemented by DIA without the benefit of the guidance that a security plan could provide?

4. We feel CIRS can succeed only if it has the total and unwavering support of the constituent members.   It would not seem prudent to expend scarce resources unless that factor remains strong.   Perhaps, this is the time to review the project in order to reaffirm that support.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:
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